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**Subject:** RE: EPA Daily News Briefing for Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Roxanne, you are so kind; thank you for your note below. I'm forwarding it to our senior execs. I am so proud to have you as one of our clients. Thank you for hanging in with us over multiple years and many hurdles, and thank you for trusting us with your business. -Paul

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Hi Team:

You all did an outstanding job on the news briefing today! Folks are just wowed by it. I've never had so many people comment in a positive manner on the new clips. The Flint story in particular just made the whole briefing – it was clear what was happening from the woven story and I didn't need to click on any of the links to the media outlets to fill in gaps. It was very well written. We have moved into a new era and we're so pleased to have you doing this for us.

Could you please add a few people to the 7 am list? Here are their names and email addresses.

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Thanks and we look forward to tomorrow's briefing. There should be a lot on Flint because of the hearing today.

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## Brownfields/Superfund/Other Cleanups

- New Mexico Seeks More Than \$1.5 Million From EPA For Gold King Mine Costs. (AP)
  - Daily Caller Says Email Indicates EPA "Intentionally Breached" Mine. (CALLER, AMSPEC)
  - Spring Runoff May Cause Gold King Mine Spill Remnants To Surge Animas River. (KRQETV)

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## • Additional Reading.

- Here Are EPA's Mistakes That Poisoned Western Rivers. (CALLER)

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## Brownfields/Superfund/Other Cleanups

### New Mexico Seeks More Than \$1.5 Million From EPA For Gold King Mine Costs.

The AP (3/14) reports that the New Mexico Environment Department wants the EPA to “to reimburse the state for what it spent responding to the Gold King Mine spill.” The department sent the EPA “a request for more than \$1.5 million – the money New Mexico spent on emergency activities in the wake of the spill.”

***Daily Caller Says Email Indicates EPA “Intentionally Breached” Mine.*** The Daily Caller (3/14, Bastasch, Barton) writes that while Obama Administration officials “called the Gold King Mine disaster in Colorado an ‘accident,’” an analysis “of government documents and public statements makes clear the disaster was anything but accidental,” with “a newly released email between Obama administration officials following the August disaster” indicating that EPA workers “intentionally breached Gold King Mine.” The American Spectator (3/14, Zanotti) also has a report based on the Daily Caller item.

***Spring Runoff May Cause Gold King Mine Spill Remnants To Surge Animas River.*** KRQE-TV Albuquerque, NM (3/14) reports on its website that “while the water has turned clear once again, there are new worries that the Gold King Mine spill is about to make a comeback in New Mexico, due to spring weather.” According to the article, “while the EPA contends that the Animas and San Juan Rivers have returned to ‘pre-spill conditions,’ that assurance hasn’t eased water quality fears for many living in San Juan County.”

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### Additional Reading.

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